

NDE Bulletin
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ESEA (NCLB) and ARRA Title I 2009-10 Application Close-out

The Enhanced Title I, Part A Final Reimbursement Request (Closeout) for the 2010 NCLB application is now available. For those of you that have already submitted, you will be contacted if changes are needed.

NDE Financial Services will make every effort to review ARRA Title I Reimbursement Requests before the NCLB Title I Final is approved. If no ARRA Title I Reimbursement Requests have been submitted at the time of the NCLB Title I Final review, NDE will assume that no ARRA funds will be claimed in the 2009-10 year. This may affect the need for a waiver.

AYP and PLAS

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With the release to districts of the NeSA Reading results, many are wondering about the use of these results for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Persistently Lowest-Achieving Schools (PLAS). By August 23, 2010, the proposed starting points (AYP State Goals for 2009-10) will be submitted to the U. S. Department of Education for approval. Once approved, we will announce the AYP State Goals and will add the AYP decisions to the State of the Schools Preview 2009-10 (available on the Portal under Data Collections). When the AYP decisions are available, the PLAS list will also be added to the State of the Schools Report Preview 2009-10. The goal is to have this accomplished by September 1. Districts will have 30 days to review all the NeSA results, AYP and PLAS decisions before this information is released to the public on October 1. The AYP Guidance for 2009-10 is found at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/AssessmentReporting.htm>. Question D-3 describes the new AYP process for Very Small Schools. The PLAS selection process is found at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/ARRA/PLAS.html>.

NSSRS Data Manager: "Notice of Data Rediscovery"

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The NSSRS opened on August 13th for the 2010-11 data submissions. Prior to submitting 2010-11 data, a district's "District Approve" user must indicate understanding of data rediscovery requirements, which require NDE to make data submitted available to Nebraska postsecondary institutions under the new law (Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 79-776), and to other districts where a student intends to enroll*. An NSSRS user should click on the button that says "Close this Window" after reading it the first time. The "District Approve" (district superintendent) user indicates understanding by clicking the "I Understand" button prior to any submissions. All users will be presented with a notice of data rediscovery the first time logging into NSSRS Data Manager each day and must click the "I Understand" button in order to gain access to this system.

The new splash screen is the notification required under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Even though the P-16 data system is not yet developed, FERPA requires advance notification. When the P-16 data system is fully implemented, if anyone wishes to use PK-12 data for approved research, districts will again receive notification.

*The Enrollment Lookup by NDE Student ID will be modified to allow any authorized user to look-up a new student upon enrollment. This previously was only available after a Student template had been submitted for a particular student.

Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) Collections Opening August 23

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The following Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) 2010-2011 collections open Monday, August 23.

- Elementary Class Size (Fall collection)
- Elementary Site Allowance
- Summer School Student Unit
- Assessed Valuation and Levies
- Two-Year New School Adjustment Application
- Student Growth Adjustment
- Instructional Time

SUMMER SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT – DUE 8/31/2010

The Summer School Supplement opened in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC) on 8/2/2010 and will close on 8/31/2010. The Summer School Supplement collects the total prorated days of attendance for the summer school program. This collection is required of all public districts even if they did not have summer school following the 2009-2010 school year.

2010-2011 Curriculum Reporting System

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The annual Curriculum Report will again be collected via an online application under the Data Collections tab on the NDE portal for teachers in public districts, nonpublic systems, special purpose schools, and ESUs. The online system replaces the paper-based Curriculum Report (NDE02-015). There will be two options to submit this data: 1) enter data online or 2) upload a data file (see link below). The Curriculum Report will be due in February as in the past. This information is being provided for planning purposes. The major changes involve:

- Adding four section codes to each course record. This will enable NDE to connect the students for the teacher to the student grades template in NSSRS.
- Adding additional grade taught codes to cover grade ranges that were not covered before.

Some districts/systems have Student Information System (SIS) vendors that can create an extract to upload this information. Other districts or systems may need to create a file to upload. The Curriculum Reporting System Instruction Manual includes the record layout for the upload. The instruction manual, Appendix D (course codes, endorsements, and a spreadsheet of valid course codes) for 2010-2011, is located at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/DataServices/Data%20Collections.htm>, locate the topic Curriculum Reporting system and click on 2010-2011.

Reminders

NEW Report for 2010-11: Excessive Absenteeism

LB 800, passed by the legislature last year, requires all public districts and non-public school systems to submit a monthly report on the number of students with excessive absenteeism, suspensions, expulsions, and contacts with law enforcement officers. This data will be collected through the Consolidated Data Collection. We anticipate opening this data collection in September with the first report being due by October 15, 2010. Please watch the bulletins for further information.

ARRA Grant Recipients

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Central Contractor Registration (CCR) information must be updated at least once a year and is a requirement for receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and reporting for Section 1512 of ARRA. Please check your registration to ensure that it has not expired or will not expire this year. You may check the status of your registration at <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>

Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)

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The REAP Small Rural Schools Achievement (SRSA) grant allocations for 2010-11 are not yet available. When they are determined, you will receive a notice from the US Department of Education and the amounts will be posted on the REAP website at: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/awards.html>. For budgeting purposes, the amount of funds available nationally was the same as for 2009-10

ESEA Formula Allocations for 2010-11

The pdf files of district allocations for Title I, Part A and Title I, Part D through Title III are posted at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/index.htm>